DRYSDALE RSL SUB BRANCH



Monthly Meeting 9 November 2023

Open

The President Geoff Zanker opened the meeting at 1400 hrs on 9 November 2023. He asked members to remember the passing of Margaret Filbay, 9-year president of our Women's Auxiliary. The Ode was recited.

Attendance

George Browney, David Clark, Des Connor, Kevin and Pam Davis, Maurie Dean, Peter and Narawee Elton, Margaret Everett, Greg Irwin, Trevor Joseph, Colleen Lincoln, Harry Paterson, John Poole, Neil Remeeus, Bruce Richards, Richard Safstrom, Kevin Sedgman, Robert Selby, Neil Shaw, Paul and Jan Taylor, Tony and Maria Tol, Peter Wood, Geoff Zanker.

Apologies

Lance Barley, John Brown, Darren Davis, Gregory Davis, Bernice Goodwin, Tony Holton, Shane Hurley, Ron Kingsbury, John Milton, Greg Moore, Andrea Nisbet, Rob Partridge, Greg Ryan, Keith Thompson, Laurie and Kaye Ward.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The October minutes were circulated on-line or posted out to all members. Tony Tol moved, seconded Dick Safstrom that the October minutes be accepted. **Carried unanimously**

Business Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

Harry said that since the previous meeting the wall repair around the honour board and the flagpole outside our premises have been completed and the invoice is with the Treasurer.

Correspondence

Harry Paterson circulated a list of inwards correspondence since our last meeting (see Annex A).

- Item 94 was a reminder from Anzac House that memberships are coming due for 2024.
 Memberships renewed before mid December will go in draw for a new Hyundai car.
- Item 99 was the latest news and education items from Vet Affairs, and included a story on Albert Jacka that might be of interest.
- Item 100 was notice of a networking meeting on veteran affairs on 12 December. All local RSL clubs have been invited, as well as politicians at Federal, State and council levels, and a number of service organisations like Soldier On and Open Arms. If interested, please let Harry know.
- Item 101 we are expecting a visit on 23 November from the Victorian government minister for Veteran Affairs Natalie Suleyman and our local member Alison Marchant. They only have a 30 minute meeting with us to inspect the building works the government helped fund, and to discuss our activities with local veterans. If interested, please let Harry know.

Outwards correspondence included emails with Drysdale and Clifton Springs primary schools inviting participation by their students in our Remembrance Day service.

Moved Harry Paterson, seconded David Clark that the correspondence be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave a verbal report. The report is at Annex A to these minutes.

George mentioned that our last gas bill showed consumption of \$15, but the total bill was for \$102. David Clark asked if the committee would look at the cost of disconnecting completely from gas to our clubrooms.

Moved George Browney seconded Tony Tol that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Welfare and Appeals Report

Pam Davis gave a verbal report - see Annex B.

Moved Pam Davis seconded Des Connor that the welfare report be accepted.

Carried unanimously

General Business

Golf Day - The cost of playing will be \$40 for each competitor, and the prize money will remain the same as last year. Please start assembling at 8:30 for a shotgun start around 9 am. A number of generous local businesses have donated prizes for a raffle to be drawn at the post-game function. **Remembrance Day** - The President reminded members of our Remembrance Day service to be

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David Clark added that the Mannerim Memorial Indigenous Garden will have a Remembrance Day service starting at 10:40 on 11 November. Some of our members might like to attend.

Christmas Function - The President reminded members of our annual "Thank You" lunch on 7 December. Please let Pam Davis know if you intend to go, for catering purposes.

Air Cadets - Harry gave a speech to local Air Force cadets at a formal dinner on 23 October.

Raffle

A raffle organised by Kevin Davis was won by Neil Remeeus and John Poole. David Clark has donated two boxes of eggs from his own chickens, and they (the eggs, not the chickens) were added to the prize draw. The eggs went to George Browney and Jan Taylor.

Close

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 1425 hours. No December monthly meeting - see you at the Clifton Springs Golf Club on 7 December at noon.

An Annual General Meeting is planned for 8 February 2024 in the clubrooms, starting at 2pm. Anyone wishing to nominate for committee positions should notify the Secretary beforehand.

Geoff Zanker President	
Harry Paterson Secretary	

Incoming Correspondence 2023

94	Email	2 Oct 2023	Anzac House	Membership renewal	
95	Email	6 Oct 2023	Victorian Veteran Affairs	Health week	
96	Post	10 Oct 2023	Origin Energy	Electricity bill	Treasurer
97	Email	13 Oct 2023	Drysdale Clinic	Donation - Golf Day	G Fifer
98	Email	16 Oct 2023	Libby Coker	Grant opportunities	
99	Email	17 Oct 2023	Dept Veteran Affairs	Anzac Portal	Members
100	Email	30 Oct 2023	Victorian Veteran Affairs	Networking activity 12 Dec 23	Members
101	Email	2 Nov 2023	Victorian Veteran Affairs	Visit by Minister - 23 Nov 23	Committee
102	Email	2 Nov 2023	Gary Holt	Works invoice	Treasurer
103	Email	4 Nov 2023	Energy Australia	Gas bill	Treasurer
104	Email	6 Nov 2023	Liquor Control Vic	Public intoxication advice	

Treasurer's Report

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Wellbeing Report

- We have been advised John Milton is in Hospital and Geoff Fifer is unwell we send our thoughts and Get Well Wishes to both of them and to any other members who are unwell.
- This week has been a busy one with Poppy sales. We thank all our volunteers who have given their time to help. Some have done two or three shifts. We appreciate your help.
- The Council has once again put the Remembrance display at the Cenotaph and in High Street. Be sure to take a look before it is taken away, this is the eighth year they have done it.
- Geoff, Carol and myself will be conducting a Commemorative Service at Drysdale Grove on Friday.
- We need names for the Lunch on Thursday 7th December. Please contact Pam 0413 334 700.
- Remembrance Day Service Bellarine North Rotary will be cooking the BBQ.
- Birthday Greetings for the month of November to Roger Atkinson, Allan Bliss, Ron Kingsbury, Ross Brown, Robert Selby, Paul Taylor and Lauretta Webster.